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school dates for **september**

23 Tuesday 7pm, Library
Whitney School Council General Meeting

school dates for **october**

1 Wednesday , 5-7pm, Schoolyard
Whitney's Harvest Fest

2 Thursday
Photo Day

from the principal



Thank you to all parents and students who were able to attend our open house curriculum night. We had a wonderful turnout. The assembly was filled with laughter and fun – a sign of a wonderful year to come! Thank you to all the teachers and support staff for your continued dedication to our students and parents!

Let it never be said that Whitney is a boring place—for either students or parents! The evening was brought to an unexpected halt when an alarm button under the stage was triggered that caused the fire alarm to go off. As parents could quickly see, our students were very well prepared and aided in the orderly exit of all from the building. Nothing like having the “full school experience” on Curriculum Night!

Debbie Stern

Whitney School Council General Meeting

Tuesday, September 23, 2014
7:00-8:00 pm, Library

We welcome the participation and input of all parents at every WSC meeting. A minimum of 20 parents is required for any vote to pass.

As part of the 2014/15 School Council's continuing effort to expand our communication reach, we respectfully request that **all Class Parents** attend General Meetings. Class Parents serve as a vital conduit of news and information for so many Whitney parents, new and old. We are confident that the attendance of a representative from every class in the school will benefit the parent community as a whole.

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WSC June 17 2014 AGM Minutes



WSC Spending Proposal



WSC Proposed Budget 2014-15



WSC Financials July 2014

The 2014-15 WSC Executive Slate

Co-Chairs:

Marcia Moffat & Jalyn Anderson

Vice-Chair: Jane Edwards

Vice-Chair: Amy Westin

Treasurer: Elizabeth Knox

Secretary: Sandra Ross

Technology: Andrew Pollock
and Paul Pelton

Past Chair: Robin Porter

Principal (Ex Officio):
Deborah Stern

your school council



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AGENDA

Welcome & Chair's Report

Jalyn Anderson and Marcia Moffat

Motions to Approve Agenda & Past Meeting Minutes (June 17, 2014)

Marcia Moffat

Presentation of Proposed Slate for 2014/15 School Year + Motions to Reconfirm and Approve

Jalyn Anderson and Marcia Moffat

Treasurer's Report

Elizabeth Knox

*Presentation of 2014/15 School Budget
YTD 2013 Income Statement
and Financial Position*

Principal's Report

Spending Proposal

Committee Reports

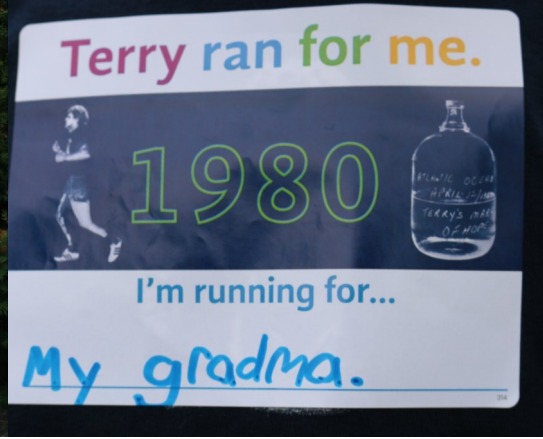
Other Business


Motion to Adjourn & Dates for GCMs

Jalyn Anderson and Marcia Moffat



Whitney's Terry Fox Run 2014



 [Donate Directly Online Here](#)
 [Terry Fox Run Pledge Sheet](#)



EQAO results for Whitney P.S. 2013-2014 are now available at eqao.com. To view our primary and junior results, type in Whitney P.S. (postal code M4T 1C7).

An initial analysis of our overall grade 3 and 6 school results indicates that our students continue to perform WELL ABOVE both the TDSB and provincial standards. In grade 3, our students made significant gains in reading, writing and mathematics where 100% of our students scored at level 3 or 4 in reading and writing!! In grade 6, our students continue to score at or above provincial standards – at or above 90% in all three areas of the curriculum (above provincial standards).

Individual student reports will be sent home and or mailed within the next few weeks. School staff will meet to review the detailed report to schools and determine areas of need, actions and strategies to incorporate into our school improvement plan.

Debbie Stern



Wednesday October 1st, 5-7pm

volunteers needed!

Everyone is welcome - Whitney families, friends, and alumni too! There will be delicious food, including Summerhill Market burgers and hot dogs, smoothies, and baked goods. Come out, as well, for the Toy Story bouncy castle, demolition obstacle course, chef challenge, fire truck, sign the Whitney plow, face painting, wacky hair, button making and more!

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for more volunteers for the Harvest Festival. This year each grade has the chance to take responsibility for a part of the Festival:



JK & SK: Toy Story Bouncy Castle, Demolition Obstacle Course and Fire Truck volunteers

Grade 1 & Grade 1/2: Kick and Score Soccer booth & Hockey Slapshot booth

Grade 2: Button Making & Animal Jar booth

Grade 3 & 3/4: Chef Challenge booth & Popcorn booth

Grade 4/5: Drink table

Grade 5: Ticket & Wristband Selling booth

Grade 6: Wacky Hair & Face Painting booth

All Grades: BBQ, Bakers

The Class with the most Harvest Festival Volunteer parents will win a popsicle party!



calling bakers
calling BBQ'ers
calling ticket sellers
calling game runners



Volunteering at Whitney?

Last year, the TDSB stated that any parents/guardians who wish to volunteer at a TDSB school are required to obtain a validated police check. In the spring 2014, we asked all parents who were interested in volunteering for the 2014-2015 school year to complete the attached form and return it to the school office with a cheque for \$15.00 written out to Whitney Public School. Many thanks to the over 110 parents who completed this form!!

Below is a reminder of the steps involved in completing the entire process and having your name added to our approved volunteer list.

Step 1 Fill out a police reference check form (see attached) and bring it to the school office with your personal cheque of \$15.00.

Step 2 You will receive (at your home) your original validated police check.

Step 3 Bring your original validated police check that you have received in the mail to the school office ASAP. **(Many parents have not done this step and will not be approved until we get the original from you.)**

Step 4 The school will send your original validated police check to the TDSB reference check office for approval.

Step 5 The school office will let you know that your police check has been cleared and you are on the TDSB approved volunteer list.




Library volunteers required!
The time commitment would be for 2 hours, one or two afternoons a month. Timing can be flexible. The role would include checking books in and out, re shelving books and keeping the library tidy. Orientation for the role will be offered.

If you are interested email Rachel James
rejtonto@yahoo.ca

Return to Learn

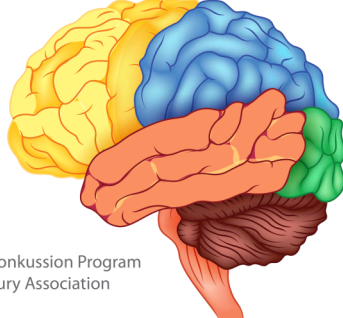
Coming Back to School After a Concussion




Join us for an information session on strategies for returning to the classroom following a concussion.

Session begins at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 2, 2014
5050 Yonge Street, Toronto

Presenters:
Dr. Neilank K. Jha, Neurosurgeon and Chairman, Konkussion Program
Ruth Wilcock, Executive Director, Ontario Brain Injury Association



 Child minding will be available through registration ONLY. Please contact 416 397-3529

For further information please contact Sharon Kerr at: sharon.piac.kerr@gmail.com



Lunch Time

Activities

We had a successful sign up for the Whitney Lunch Time Activities on Monday night. Please see below for information on what classes are full, have space and are at risk of being cancelled. Attached is a list of the students registered for each class to date.

If your child would like to sign up for a class that has space, please drop off a registration form and cheque in the lunch time activities bin in the school office by **Wednesday September 24th**. Please note that Famous Painters has been moved to Thursday at lunch. Classes will start the week of September 29th.

Full:

- Lego
- Clay Creations

Will run, still have space available:

- Scrapbooking
- Chess
- Cheerleading

At risk of being cancelled:

- Famous Painters (need at least 3 more)
- French (need at least 4 more)
- Glee (need at least 2 more)
- Guitar (need at least 1 more)



Fall Lunch Time Activities Chart



Reg Form



Class Lists



After Four

Activities

After Four Registration is still open and spaces are filling up quickly! Please continue to the next page to see the entire list of programs available for your child(ren) to enjoy in the comfort of Whitney Public School, during after school hours, run by Mooredale.

If you have not registered yet, please click the registration link and make sure you secure a spot in the program so that your child does not miss out!

Mooredale membership is required and can be processed as part of your registration.

Online Registration: Sign up [here](#).

For those who have registered, we hope that your children enjoy the great programs this Fall term.

If you have any questions about the programs, feel free to contact Eric Musselman at Mooredale: T: 416-922-3714 ext. 105 or by [email](#).

▶ Whitney Public School - After 4 Programs

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|--|--|---|--|
| Kangoo Jump Fitness Grades 1-6 3:40 - 4:40 pm Max 23 | Lego Engineering (Gr 1-3) Robotics (Gr 3-6) 3:40 - 4:50 pm Min 5 Max 14 | Karate Grades 1 - 6 3:40 - 4:45 pm Min 8 Max 20 | School Play Grades 1 - 3 3:40 - 5:30 pm Min 8 Max 30 |

Kangoo Jumps Kids Fitness

Monday, 3:40 - 4:40

Grades 1 - 6 (child must be min 50 lbs)

Gym

September 22 - November 24 *No Class Oct 13

9 Classes, \$189

You might have heard about Kangoo Club Canada on tv or seen the fitness classes offered at gyms. Using low impact exercise rebound boots, Kangoo Club instructors lead children in a variety of exercise activities using thie specially designed boots which provide amazing health and fitness benefits, while putting 80% less impact on joints than normal jogging. Most importantly, they are fun to use! The boots help improve balance, coordination, body posture, endurance and self-esteem. This fun and enjoyable workout challenges both the body and mind in one of the most interactive, innovative ways around. Kids are having so much fun that they don't even realize that they are exercising!



Lego Engineering

Grades 1 - 3

Lego Robotics

Grades 3 - 6

Tuesday, 3:40 - 4:45 pm

September 23 - December 16

13 Classes, \$286 - Engineering / \$312 - Robotics

Come build, tinker, and create using lego in new and creative ways! Younger grades love being able to build and engineer their lego creations, while older children will enjoy the challenge of bringing their robot to life. Students can use this experience as a stepping stone for future competition in the fast growing Lego League. Unleash your inner creativity and join us Tuesdays for the coolest club in the school!



Karate

Wednesday

3:45 - 4:45 pm

***Returning students to 5:15**

Grades 1 - 6

September 24 - December 17

13 classes, \$273

James Greer returns to teach Karate for white belts and beginners. Trained as a second-degree black belt, James designs and teaches karate programs specifically for children. Students will be introduced to the principles of self-discipline, self-control, leadership and teamwork in addition to learning traditional Okinawan Karate. A karate gi (uniform) is required and can be purchased through the instructor at a reduced rate. *PLEASE NOTE: Returning students stay until 5:15.*



School Play

Thursday

3:45 - 5:30 pm, Grades 1 -3

September 25 - December 12 *No Class on Oct 9th and 16th

10 classes, \$240

Play performance at the end of the season

This term Stefani Kleinberg will be running a production of **Cinderella** at Whitney. Stefani Kleinberg is a director, writer, singer and actor. A graduate of the theatre program at Queen's University, she received her Bachelor of Arts Honours before moving to Berkeley California where she attended Berkeley Digital Film Institute. Children will explore a variety of performance platforms through fun filled games and exercises to do with theatre and film techniques. The program runs for ten weeks and concludes with two 45 minute performances, one for the school and the other for friends and relatives.

“This (lack of physical exercise) really is the big public health concern of our time, or our generation. How our communities are shaped, how we move around and the impact it has on the leading causes of death and illness in our society is something that all health organizations are coming to grips with”

~ Toronto Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David McKeown
Build exercise into communities: Doctors
 Toronto Metro. Thurs May 18, 2014



WHITNEY SCHOOL YEAR DATES & EVENTS 2014-2015

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| First Day of School | Tuesday September 2 | P.A. Day Parent/Teacher Interviews | Friday February 13 |
| Welcome Assembly | Thursday September 4 | Family Day | Monday Feb 16 |
| Terry Fox Run | Thursday September 18 | March Break | March 16 to 20 (incl) |
| Curriculum Night | Thursday September 18 | Good Friday | Friday April 3 |
| Photo Day | Thursday October 2 | Easter Monday | Monday April 6 |
| Thanksgiving (no school) | Monday October 13 | "The Main Event" School Fundraiser* | Wednesday May 6 |
| Remembrance Day Assembly | Tuesday November 11 | Victoria Day | Monday May 18 |
| Progress Reports go home | Tuesday November 11 | P.A. Day | Friday June 5 |
| P.A. Day Parent/Teacher Interviews | Friday November 14 | Play Day* | Monday June 22 |
| Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal | Monday December 8 | Final Reports go home | Tuesday June 23 |
| Holiday Concert Celebration | Tuesday December 9 | Gr. 6 Graduation Day | Wednesday June 24 |
| Winter Break Holidays | December 22 to Jan 2 (incl) | Last Day of Classes | Thursday June 25 |
| P.A. Day | Friday January 23 | P.A. Day | Friday June 26 |
| First Term Reports go home | Tuesday February 10 | *subject to change | |



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR, 2014-2015

| Month | Number of Instructional Days | Number of Professional Activity Days | Number of Scheduled Examination Days | 1 st Week | | | | | 2 nd Week | | | | | 3 rd Week | | | | | 4 th Week | | | | | 5 th Week | | | | |
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| | | | | M | T | W | T | F | M | T | W | T | F | M | T | W | T | F | M | T | W | T | F | M | T | W | T | F |
| August 2014 | | | | | | | | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| September 2014 | 21 | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 29 | 30 | | | |
| October 2014 | 22 | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| November 2014 | 19 | 1 | | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | | | | | |
| December 2014 | 14 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
| January 2015 | 19 | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| February 2015 | 18 | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | | | | | |
| March 2015 | 17 | | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 30 | 31 | | | |
| April 2015 | 20 | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |
| May 2015 | 20 | | | | | | | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| June 2015 | 18 | 2 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 29 | 30 | | | |
| July 2015 | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| TOTAL | 188 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

PA Professional Activity Day
 B Board Designated Day
 H Statutory Day
 FD First Day of School for Students
 LD Last Day of School for Students



school hours

Morning Session **8:42 am**
 Morning Recess 10:05 – 10:20 am
 Lunch 11:30 – 12:32 pm
Afternoon Session **12:35 pm**
 Afternoon Recess 1:55 – 2:10 pm
Dismissal **3:20 pm**

Kindergarten hours

Supervised play in kinder area 8:45 -9:00
Class begins **9:00 am**
 Morning session ends 11:30
 Lunch 11:30-12:30
 Supervised play 12:30-12:45:
Afternoon class begins **12:45 pm**
School ends (p/u in kinder area) **3:15 pm**

school calendar 2014/15

The official school year calendar for the Toronto District School Board runs from September 2, 2014 to June 26, 2014, incl.

First day of classes for all students is *September 2, 2014.*

The last day of class for elementary students is *June 25, 2014.*



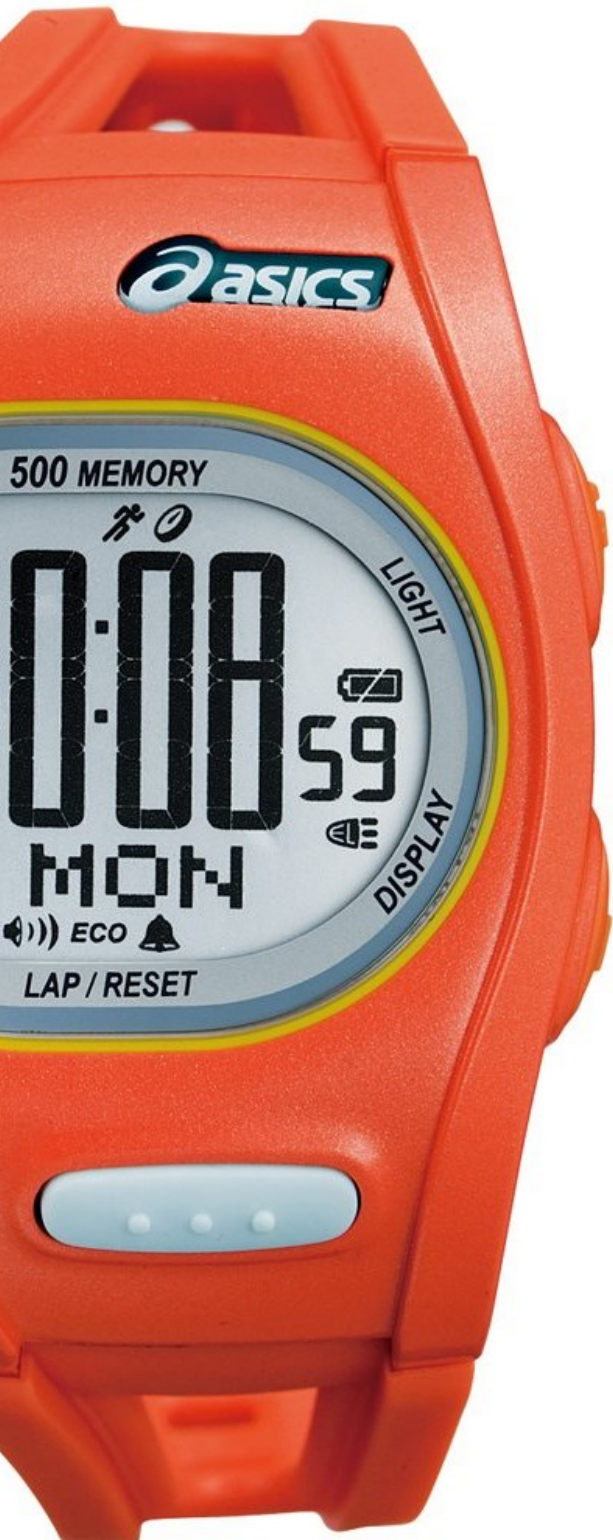
Holidays & Professional Activity (PA) Days

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| Labour Day | September 1, 2014 |
| Thanksgiving | October 13, 2014 |
| Board-wide PA Day | November 14, 2014 |
| Board-wide PA Day | December 5, 2014 |
| Christmas Break | December 22-Jan 4 2015, inclusive (last day of school: Dec 19; school resumes Jan 5) |

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| PA Day (Elem. only) | January 23, 2015 |
| Family Day | February 13, 2015 |
| Mid-Winter Break | March 16 to 20, 2015 inclusive |
| Good Friday | April 3, 2015 |
| Easter Monday | April 6, 2015 |
| Victoria Day | May 18, 2015 |
| PA Day (Elem. only) | June 5, 2015 |

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sports | house leagues | wildcats



MONDAY

Primary Cross Country Practice (grades 1, 2 and 3)

7:45am @ Rosedale Park

Girls Slo Pitch Practice 3:30 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.

TUESDAY

Boys' Touch Football practice – students can meet me at school at 7:15 a.m. or 7:30 a.m. @ Rosedale Park

Drop-in Cross Country practice all grades 7:45 a.m. @ Rosedale Park

Boys' Slo Pitch practice 3:30 - 4:30 @ Whitney

WEDNESDAY

Girls' Touch Football practice – 7:30 a.m. @ Rosedale Pk

Junior Cross Country Practice (grades 4, 5 and 6)

7:45 a.m. @ Rosedale Park

Girls' Slo Pitch 4 practice @ school 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Boys' Touch Football practice – 7:30 a.m. @ Rosedale Pk

Drop-in Cross Country practice all grades 7:45 a.m. @ Rosedale Park

Boys' Slo Pitch practice @ school 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Cross Country Practice (all grades) 7:45 am @ Rosedale

Girls' Touch Football practice – 7:30am @ Rosedale